

# Prayer Amendment Goes to House

WASHINGTON (BP)—A major step toward the first change in the Bill of Rights in the nation's history was taken in the House of Representatives here on September 21 when a "discharge petition" for a constitutional prayer amendment was signed by 218 Congressmen.

The discharge petition relieves the House Judiciary Committee from further responsibility for the proposed amendment and forces the question directly to the floor of the House for debate and vote. It is expected to come to a vote on November 8.

If the proposed amendment receives a two-thirds majority in the House, which almost everyone here expects, the amendment will then go to the Senate, where it will be referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee. It will be handled by the Subcommittee on Constitutional Amendments, of which Sen. Birch Bayh (D., Ind.) is chairman.

Bayh in the past has been opposed to previous versions of a constitutional prayer amendment. No hearings for the present proposal have yet been scheduled in the Senate. Unless the proposal is attached as a rider to some other legislation it probably will

be 1972 before the Senate can act on it. In the House of Representative Emanuel Celler (D., N.Y.) chairman of the Judiciary Committee, who has opposed prayer amendments, said: "It would be a great error to approve this amendment. The danger of government interference in religious practices of schools should not be viewed lightly. Certainly it should not be a substitute for the home and the church."

Rep. Chalmers P. Wiley (R., Ohio) who has been the chief sponsor of the prayer amendment and who initiated the discharge petition, said, "Most people feel that the Supreme Court ruled that prayer in public schools and buildings is no longer permissible."

He continued: "I can recall that as a child in elementary school the teacher opened the day's activities with a prayer to the Supreme Deity and the pledge of allegiance to the American flag. There was something reassuring about that and I think we need a return to this foundation stone of our democracy."

Constitutional prayer amendments have been pushed since the 1962 and 1963 decisions by the U.S. Supreme Court removing government authority and supervision of school prayer and devotions. Among those promoting such amendments have been Veterans and American Legion groups, the Retired Teachers Association, the Back to God Movement, Citizens for Public



Washington's Chaplain Painting Presented

A COPY OF A PAINTING OF Chaplain John Gano leading General George Washington's troops in prayer in 1783 was presented to the Southern Baptist Executive Committee in Nashville. Making the presentation was eGeorge Cummins, retiring executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Chaplain's Commission, Atlanta (left). Accepting were Owen Cooper (center), Yazoo

City, Miss., layman and chairman of the Executive Committee, and Porter W. Routh (right), executive secretary of the SBC Executive Committee. The painting is one of a series depicting "Great Moments in Baptist History" by artist Erwin M. Hearne, Jr., of Dallas.—BP PHOTO.

## NEWS ANALYSIS

## Prayer Amendment Will Affect Future Church-State Relations

By W. Barry Garrett

The decision of the House of Representatives to force the proposed constitutional prayer amendment out of the Judiciary Committee directly to the floor of the House for debate and vote calls for careful and unemotional analysis. In matters affecting religious liberty and proper church-state relations we should be as careful as possible to make sure that we are not motivated by inferior impulses.

Frequently, the motives of people are good, but the methods they choose to implement their wishes are highly questionable. This is the situation in the case of the prayer amendment. We must assume that people are sincere when they want school children to pray. However, we deplore the use of government authority to achieve this objective. Religious practices, even on the part of school children, must be free from government interference, sponsorship or authority.

The innocent-looking proposed prayer amendment is not so innocent upon close inspection. Let us take a hard look at the actual situation. Here is the exact wording of the proposal and a brief analysis.

"Nothing contained in this Constitution shall abridge the right of persons lawfully assembled, in any public building which is supported in whole or in part through the expenditure of public funds, to participate in non-denominational prayer." (House Joint Resolution 191)

Of course, there is no way to predict what other amendments will be attached to H. J. Res. 191 during the debate and voting processes on the floor of the House and the Senate. Therefore, this analysis is necessarily confined to the text of the resolution as it is now proposed.

My appraisal of the significance of this development in relation to the First Amendment, religious liberty and church-state relations is as follows.

It appears that the nation is about to approve a constitutional prayer amendment that is, premised on a falsehood and that results in a basic alteration of the religion clauses of the First Amendment.

The falsehood is that the Supreme Court has denied the right of voluntary prayer to school children. The

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## Board Sets Record Budget, Votes Assembly Program

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board Monday afternoon of this week adopted a record high Cooperative Program (mission) budget for 1972, and adopted the report of its assembly committee which recommended the re-establishing of a Mississippi Baptist Assembly.

The total budget goal for 1972 is \$4,600,000, compared to the 1971 budget of \$4,265,000, an increase of \$335,000, according to Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary-treasurer of the Board.

Presiding was Dr. Robert L. Hamblin, of Tupelo, president of the Board.

This proposed budget will be presented to the Mississippi Baptist Convention

vention which will meet in Jackson Nov. 16-18 for final approval.

The new budget of \$4,600,000 includes \$4,300,000 for operational and capital needs for all causes and an additional \$300,000 "Advance" section which would be available for distribution to certain causes only after the regular budget has been reached.

This is the first time the budget has been set in this way, the executive secretary said, with the belief that the additional "Advance" goal of \$300,000 would prove to be a real challenge to Mississippi Baptists.

The new budget is divided into two principal sections, (1) Missions in Mississippi, and (2) Southern Baptist Convention and Pioneer Missions.

The new operational and capital needs budget (minus the "Advance" section) allocates \$2,798,500 to Missions in Mississippi, an increase of \$24,750 over this year's budget.

The new budget allocates \$1,321,500 to Southern Baptist Convention and Pioneer Missions, compared to \$4,311,250 this year, an increase of \$10,250.

Southern Baptist Conventions causes will receive \$1,311,500, with \$10,000 to go to Pioneer Missions. The Plains Baptist Convention, composed

of North and South Dakota, Wyoming and Montana.)

The section on Missions in Mississippi is divided into three divisions, as follows:

Missions not administered by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, State Missions administered by the Convention Board, and Convention Administration, Promotion and Housing.

In the division on Missions not administered by the Convention Board the new operational and capital needs budget allocates the following:

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Cauten Says

## Future Of Red China Unclear

NASHVILLE (BP) —The masses in mainland China could repudiate Communism after the death of its elderly leaders, or Red China could become a world super power, the executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board predicted here.

Baker J. Cauten, administrator of the nation's largest Protestant mission force and former missionary to China, made the predictions in an address before a Southern Baptist Communications Conference sponsored by the Southern Baptist Executive Committee.

The future of China, he said, could bring the emergence of another great super power, or it could include the fragmentation of Communist leadership; or the masses of people could even reject Communism completely.

Cauten did not say which of the possibilities he felt was most likely. "Things Chinese are not easy to understand," he explained.

On the possibility of China becoming a super power, Cauten described the Chinese mainland as a "colossus"

from the standpoints of size, natural resources and human capabilities. He quoted Arnold Toynbee, saying, "The 21st century may be the Chinese century."

The image some westerners have projected to Chinese ignorance and lack of education is, false, he said. "They have great capacity, great intelligence."

The Baptist missionary to China from 1939 - 45 added that there are "retarding factors" to China's becoming a super power.

They include, he said, the drag of China's tremendous population of more than 800 million, the sharp cleavage between Russia and China, and Japan's tremendous economic strength and possible future military might.

Asking what will happen when Chairman Mao Tse-Tung and Premier Chou En-lai die or lose power, Cauten said, "there is a possibility that Communist leadership, and all of China might fragment. 'China has a

During the two-day meeting here, the Executive Committee dealt with a dozen motions referred to it by the convention either by direct action, or under the Bylaw 16 ruling. Most of the motions were referred to subcommittees or other SBC agencies for report and action by the February meeting of the Executive Committee.

The committee took action on only three of the St. Louis convention referrals during the September meeting — the Jones motion of Bylaws 12 and 16; a motion by M. O. Owens of Gastonia, N. C., regarding the Baptist Program magazine; and a

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## Colorado Baptist Leader Among 12 Injured By Grenade Explosion

JERUSALEM (BP) — A grenade, tossed by an unknown assailant, exploded on the streets of Old Jerusalem, killing a small Arab child and injuring 12 persons, including executive secretary of the Colorado Baptist General Convention and two independent Baptist preachers.

Injured were five Arab children and an American tourist, one of an 18-member tour group composed pri-

marily of Baptist laymen and women from independent Baptist churches.

None of the Americans was seriously injured. One of the five Arab children reportedly lost an eye and another lost a leg.

Minor shrapnel fragment injuries were sustained by Glen E. Braswell, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, and a Colorado Baptist

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## Dr. W. P. Davis To Retire September 30

By Anne McWilliams

On September 30, Dr. William P. Davis retires as director of the Department of Work with National Baptists, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, a position he has held for fourteen years.

From August of 1957 until this year he served, too, as president of Mississippi Baptist Seminary. This position he relinquished last April 9 when the new president, Dr. T. B. Brown, was inaugurated.

Elected president emeritus of the seminary and provided with an office and secretarial help there, Dr. Davis plans to continue working at the seminary as academic dean; as teacher of New Testament theology; as writer of a new catalog and textbook materials; and as special consultant. In addition, he will also be open for supply preaching, but already has a full schedule for the remainder of this year. (The Foreign Mission Board invited him to send a year working in Guam, but he has decided to continue work at the seminary instead.)

He has completed the manuscript of a book, *The Long Step*, a history of the work of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and the Home Mission Board with National Baptists in

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DR. WILLIAM P. DAVIS

## Administration Pushes Assistance To Parochial Schools

WASHINGTON (BP) — The Office of Education for the Department of Health, Education and Welfare has scheduled a meeting here designed to explore ways of further implementing President Nixon's pledge to assist nonpublic schools to the maximum legally possible.

The invitational meeting, scheduled Nov. 15-17 at the Airlie House Conference Center near Warrenton, Va., will discuss cooperative means of providing federal school aid benefits to all eligible children.

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## Big Crowds Hear Graham Crusade In Texas Stadium

IRVING, Tex. (RNS) — Evangelist Billy Graham brought his Crusade for Christ to this suburban city nestled between Dallas and Fort Worth, and the Graham charisma and organization drew 42,300 people to the new Texas Stadium for the opening of the Greater Southwest Crusade.

The evangelist said the opening night crowd of the 10-day crusade "may be the largest first-night audience" in the history of his 25-year ministry.

"There are enough people here tonight to fill Madison Square Garden in New York City twice," he said.

Although there is no over-all theme for the crusade, Graham has repeatedly aimed his comments at the younger generation. His opening night sermon was keyed to the hit, rock opera, "Jesus Christ, Superstar."

"There are a lot of things about the rock opera I don't like, things I think are blasphemy. But one thing I do like, it's asking the right question, 'Jesus Christ, who are you?'"

While Crusade officials had estimated average attendance at the crusade would be around 40,000, local leaders had expressed greater optimism,

which appeared to be accurate when 51,200 persons streamed into the 65,000-seat stadium for the second service on Sept. 18.

Participation by churches throughout the north Texas area has been "overwhelming." More than 1,000 different congregations are involved in one way or another — the 5,500-voice choir, among the 3,000 ushers, counselors, or advisers.

Prior to the opening of the Crusade, some 320,000 persons held advance tickets for the 10 services through group reservations. Crusade officials said 1,100 different groups were represented. Groups holding advance reservations are from all sections of Texas, as well as cities and towns in Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana.

Chairman of the local Crusade committee is Tom Landry, a layman in the United Methodist Church and head coach of the Dallas Cowboys professional football team.

The site of the crusade, Texas Stadium, is the new home of the Cowboys, who have yet to play in the partially domed structure, since it is not quite completed for football competition.

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## BROADMOOR RANKS 18TH IN LARGEST SOUTHERN BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOLS

According to a recent report published by the "Christian Life" magazine, Broadmoor Baptist Church in Jackson ranks number 18 in Sunday School attendance among Southern Baptist Churches.

The report, published annually by the "Christian Life" magazine, lists the 100 largest Sunday Schools of all denominations in the United States. In the list of 100, Broadmoor ranks number 54.

Broadmoor also ranks 5th in Southern Baptist Sunday Schools east of the Mississippi River.

Dr. David R. Grant is pastor of Broadmoor Church.



**DARK SKIES**

The sun pierces through the clouds of autumn's darkening skies, silhouetting the trees. —RNS PHOTO.

## Dr. W. P. Davis To Retire September 30

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Mississippi. It will be published soon. Accomplishments in the Department of Work with National Baptists under Dr. Davis' leadership have been many: Sophia Sutton Assembly has been developed so that now the asset value is more than \$1,000,000; Elaine Baptist Church has been purchased as new headquarters for the Mississippi Baptist Seminary; the seminary's enrollment has increased from 900 to 2100; the staff of field workers for the department has increased in number from zero in 1957 to 14 in 1971; a scholarship program for college students has been developed (as a result, 32 young people, recipients of scholarships, have graduated from college); Baptist student work has been organized on the Negro college campuses.

Several years ago, when many Negro churches were burned in Mississippi, Dr. Davis was chairman of the Committee of Concern that led in the rebuilding of 32 churches. For this service, he and the committee received an award from the Lane Bryant Foundation for "most distinguished community service in 1966."

Born at Blue Springs, Mississippi, William Penn Davis was baptized at Zion Hill Church, Union County, where he was licensed to preach at 14. Not long afterward, he was ordained at Fulton Church. During August of this year he preached in a revival at Zion Hill, the home church where he became a licensed minister 53 years ago.

Congratulating him upon his retirement, and thanking him for a job well done the pastor and deacons of

Zion Hill wrote him a letter, telling him, "It has been a joy of ours for many years to point with pride at you and say, 'Willie Davis came out of our church.' Though the footprints you made upon these hills have grown dim over the years, your memory will live forever as one who saw God's will in his life and never looked any other way. . . . We are proud to recommend your life as a standard for our young people."

Churches he led as pastor included Beulah at Brownsville, Hollandale, and Flora in Mississippi; First, Clinton, Kentucky; Barren Plains, Springfield, Tenn.; and Druid Park, Baltimore, Md.

While pastor in Mississippi he served on the Executive Committee, and as president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. For six years he was president of the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary. Also he was a member of the Radio and Television Commission, SBC.

He is a member of Phi Delta Kappa. He is a graduate of Itawamba Agricultural High School; Clarke College; Mississippi College; and Southern Seminary. He did graduate work also at George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville and at Eastern Theological Seminary, Phila., Pa. He attended the Chaplain's School at Harvard University.

In 1964, he was awarded the Doctor of Humanties degree, Mississippi Baptist Seminary.

A man of many talents and wide interests, he has served in varied capacities. He taught French at Mississippi College, and was principal of the high school at Brownsville in

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Public and nonpublic school leaders from more than 40 cities throughout the country have been invited to attend. Also participating will be federal education officials and members of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Washington Conference of Nonpublic Schools, a coalition representing the board spectrum of nonpublic schools.

"This is the first time we have ever brought together the leaders of both the public and nonpublic schools,"

said U. S. Education Commissioner Sidney P. Marland Jr.

"The meeting is part of the Office of Education's continued effort to foster good working relationships between these two groups, and to insure that all eligible children share equitably the benefits of federal education aid, regardless of what type of schools they attend," he said.

"The growing inability of nonpublic schools to meet the expenses of urban education from traditional sources of

funds is assuming the dimensions of a nationwide crisis," Marland added. "At the same time, the public schools in large cities could be financially swamped if required to educate substantially greater numbers of students due to the continued closing of nonpublic schools."

John W. Baker, acting executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, pointed out that this meeting is a further development in the Nixon administration's drive

es to the Roman Catholic hierarchy has made it clear that he intends to provide support for the nation's parochial schools from the public treasury.

"President Nixon," Baker continued, "both in his education messages to Congress and in his repeated pledge to find some way or ways to aid the parochial schools."

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history of fragmentation between great dynasties."

Concerning the possibility of complete rejection of Communism on the death of Mao and Chou, Cauthen pointed out that "the current (Communist) system is so un-Chinese that it has ridden rough-shod over what has made China China."

"Confucius' philosophy has been completely repudiated," he pointed out. "Mao has said, 'You must deal with a Confucian like a rat.'"

He added that Communism has destroyed the family system, which for centuries was rooted deeply in Chinese culture.

Describing the Chinese people as "patient," Cauthen added that they are also "explosive" and unpredictable. They could completely repudiate Communism.

"I'm not saying that this is going to happen, but it is a possibility," he observed.

Citing a precedent for such in Chinese history, Cauthen described the China dynasty which built the Great Wall of China, but also burned books on Confucianism and killed Chinese scholars about 220 B. C.

"In seven years, the people had enough. They repudiated it (The Chin dynasty) lock stock and barrel."

Earlier, Winston Crawley, Overseas Division director for the board, had traced the history of the development of Chinese cultures and dynasties. He, too, referred to the Chin dynasty.

On the thaw in United States-Red China relations, Cauthen said that regardless of apparent better relations, the Red Chinese still hate the United States because of previous mistakes of the western world in trying to relate to China.

Also, the United States stands between Formosa and mainland China, between the Red Chinese and the enemy they want to destroy, he said. Thus America is caught in a long-standing and deep hatred between Nationalist China and Red China.

An added factor is that the Communism of China is the most violent kind of Communism, far more violent than Russian Communism. "And we are the fury of their hatred,"

Despite this deep hatred by the

Communist Chinese, there is a "deep underlying bed rock of good will" among the masses of older Chinese who remember that the United States tried to help them find freedom in the fight against Japan in World War II, he said.

In the matter of U. S. relationships with Red China, he advised taking "the long, long look — wait, watch, listen and address ourselves to the people, the masses, with love and concern."

"We need to engage in dialogue with them and talk and talk and talk. We should be slow to make any agreements, for when a Communist makes an agreement, it is a step toward an objective out in the future," he said.

During a question and answer period, Cauthen said he had received no response yet from the White House following a formal request from the elected Foreign Mission Board in August suggesting a meeting between Cauthen and President Richard M. Nixon.

Asked about possible admission of both Chinas to the United Nations, Cauthen said Red China would be slow to enter the U. N. while the Nationalist Chinese government is still represented.

"It is my personal opinion that it would be very regrettable if Nationalist China were excluded from the U. N.," Cauthen said. He added it would have repercussions in other Southeast Asia countries.

Asked when he thought the earliest date a group of Christians from the United States could visit Christians in Red China, Cauthen said it would be "quite a while."

Noting that the president of the Baptist World Alliance, V. Carney Hargroves of Philadelphia, had expressed publicly a desire to visit Red China, Cauthen said he did not expect a visa to be available for that purpose. "Frankly, I'd be surprised if that materializes quickly."

Earlier, in his speech, Cauthen pointed out that "churches in China are closed. Most Christians are dead or in work camps. China is not about to open doors to missionaries or allow widespread preaching of the gospel any time soon. We won't see any great welcome sign for the mes-

sage of Christ to be preached," he said.

He added that he hoped if the day came for Christians to visit Christians in mainland China that people such as Eugene Hill, who shared the platform with him, could go "and talk and weep and ask them in love what to do."

Hill, secretary for missionary education and promotion for the board, was a missionary in Canton, China, at the time of the Communist takeover in 1949. He was put in prison for questioning more than 50 times after the takeover, he related.

Hill cited five things the Communists did after assuming power: (1) they nationalized everything; (2) they instituted total and ruthless indoctrination; (3) they used all means possible to subvert and spy on everyone; (4) they conducted mock trials and sentenced and eliminated suspected enemies and (5) they promoted anti-religious activities, closed the churches and prohibited teaching and preaching.

## Board Sets New Budget

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Christian Education (four Baptist colleges), for operational purposes, \$790,000 and for capital needs, \$230,000; Baptist Children's Village, \$105,000; Ministerial Education Board, \$41,000; Mississippi Baptist Hospital for operational purposes, \$42,000 and for capital needs, \$40,000; Christian Action Commission, \$42,200; Mississippi Baptist Foundation, \$41,500; Historical Commission, \$12,500; Woman's Missionary Union, \$93,900; WMU for Indian, Negro Work and Camp Garaywa, \$24,000; Convention Share in SBC Annuity Plans, \$270,000.

The division on State Missions administered by the Convention Board was allocated \$1,047,675, an increase of \$20,125 over this year's budget.

This \$1,047,675 includes \$100,000 anticipated from the annual State Mission Special offering and designations. The division on Convention Administration, Promotion and Housing was allocated \$382,500.

The \$300,000 "Advance" section funds, if reached, are allocated as follows:

Christian Education, \$100,000; Baptist Children's Village, \$3,000; Ministerial Education Board, \$4,000; Christian Action Commission, \$4,000; Mississippi Baptist Foundation, \$4,000; Convention Board Program Expansion (including assemblies), \$88,500; Southern Baptist Convention, \$91,500.

If only a part of the \$300,000 is received, Dr. Hudgins said that distribution to the above causes would be made proportionately on a percentage basis.

The budget was prepared by the committee of the Board, of which Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr. of Hattiesburg is chairman.

The full text of the Assembly Committee report, adopted by the Board, is as follows:

"After many months of study and evaluation we bring to the Convention Board the following:

"1.—We recommend that, as soon as possible, an Assembly Program of Mississippi Baptists be re-established.

"2.—We recommend that we construct a new assembly facility to accommodate approximately 400 persons on the currently owned Gulfshore property.

"3.—We report that, as far as we are able to determine from professional counsel, the cost of such facility will be approximately \$2,500,000.00, which figure necessitates the procurement of \$2,000,000.00 in addition to the funds in hand.

"4.—We suggest that construction of the above recommended facility be authorized as soon as the necessary funds are available in accordance with the requirements of Article 16, Section 2, of the Convention's Constitution."

"Respectfully submitted: Beverly Tinnin, Chairman; Dan Morton; Ralph Reeves; Gail DeBord; James Roberts; Glenn Perry and W. Douglas Hudgins, ex officio.

The report and its action will become a part of the Convention Board report to the State Convention in November.



## Baptists Injured By Terrorist Grenade

JERUSALEM—Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem (second left) talks with members of a group of 18 Baptists from Texas, Illinois and Colorado who were walking through the Israeli-occupied old city of Jerusalem when a terrorist hand grenade exploded, killing a four-year-old Arab girl and wounding seven members of the Baptist party. None of the Americans was seriously wounded and all were released after treatment. At right is Alex Noble of Tinley Park, Ill., who was injured in the blast. His wife is beside him. The others are unidentified. —RNS PHOTO.

## Colorado Baptist Among 12 Injured

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eral Convention in Denver; and six others, all members of independent Baptist churches in Corpus Christi, Tex., and Tinley Park, Ill.

Injured slightly were Buddy Murphy, pastor of South Crest Baptist Church, Corpus Christi, Tex.; Dana Pitman, a 17-year-old high school senior who is a member of Murphy's church;

Joe Boyd, an independent Baptist evangelist based in Corpus Christi, and his wife, Edith; Alex Noble, a Chicago area construction worker who attends Moody Bible Institute at night; and Bertha Frye, a nurse, both of Tinley Park, Ill., and members of the Tinley Park Baptist Church, an independent Baptist congregation.

Israeli authorities charged that Arab guerrilla groups were behind the attack in an effort to hurt the Israeli tourist trade, according to one news report. A later news report indicated that a terrorist group in Damascus had claimed credit for the attack.

Braswell, in an interview, said that the grenade was probably tossed at the American tourist group, not the children playing in the streets of Old Jerusalem. It was Sunday morning and no one was on the street except the tourist group and the Arab children.

The group was walking down a decline about five or six blocks from the entrance of Herod's Gate to the walled city. They were walking along the route called the Via Dolorosa, the way of the cross, which traditionally is the route Christ took to the crucifixion.

Braswell said there were five tourists walking about 30 feet ahead of the other 18 tour members, when he and Mrs. Boyd at the head of the group saw the grenade hit the small Arab girl in the chest and fall to the ground.

"I remember thinking, 'What is that?' and about that time it exploded," Braswell said. He and the other four were about 15 feet away. The Arab children were only about six feet away. The closest girl suffered massive brain damage.

At first, Braswell said he did not even realize he had been hit by a grenade fragment. His first concern was for Mrs. Boyd and the children, he added. There was no pain and only after one of the Baptist laymen pointed to the blood on the chest did he realize he had been hit.

They walked back outside the walled city and took a taxi to a refugee hospital, and then went to a second hospital for minor treatment. They did not remove the grenade fragments

and told the Americans there should be no complications.

Braswell said he planned to go to the Denver clinic to either have the fragment removed, or receive assurance that there would be no damage by leaving it. The fragment was imbedded about an inch or more deep into the flesh of his chest, he said.

"If we had been grouped together, the grenade probably would have hit the group," Braswell said. He added that he did not feel it was motivated by anti-Americanism.

Boyd, according to one news report, said he felt it was "a miracle of God that we escaped disaster."

Braswell added that if the grenade had not hit the small Arab girl, it would have probably hit the pavement and slid down to the tour group before exploding, possibly killing the Americans instead of the Arab child.

Only five of the 18 were Southern Baptists — Braswell, Mr. and Mrs. Theo Previs of Denver, a deacon at Riverside Baptist Church in Denver; and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shamburger of Little Rock, Ark., a semi-retired Baptist religious education worker. Braswell was the only Southern Baptist injured.



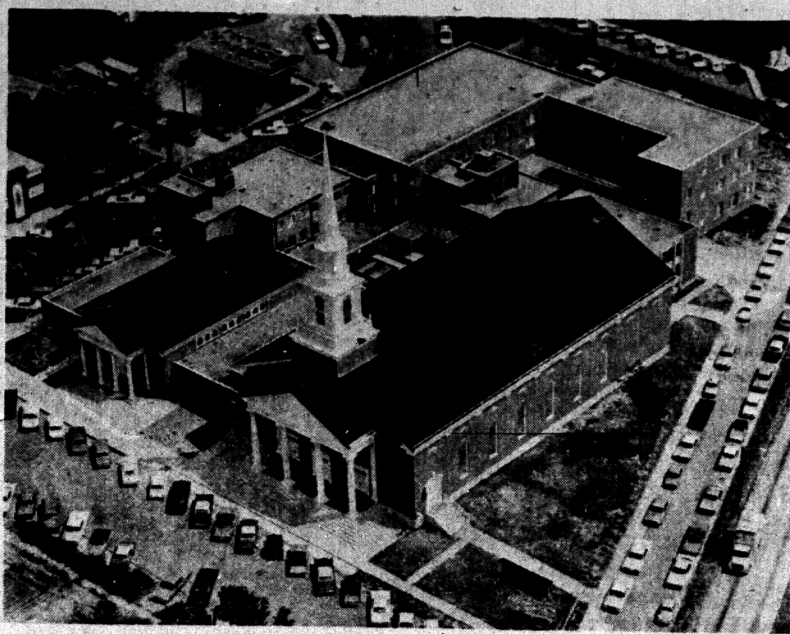
## Big Crowds Hear "Billy"

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The Graham Crusade is the first event to be held in Texas Stadium, resulting in some confusion for motorists unfamiliar with approaches to the parking areas. On opening night, people were still streaming into the stands more than 45 minutes after the service began. However, Irving police, parking attendants and stadium officials later worked out some of the routings to ease congestion on the roads surrounding the stadium.

Other "bugs," such as the sound system, provided first-night woes, but were systematically being weeded out. By the time Landry's Cowboys play their first game in their new home, Oct. 3, the stadium crews and many North Texas residents will be old hands at fighting the battles and crowds.

Joining Mr. Graham — a Southern Baptist minister whose membership is in the First Baptist church of Dallas — on the Crusade platform opening night was Preston C. Smith, governor of Texas. Mr. Graham's pastor is Dr. W. A. Criswell, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Former President and Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson flew into Irving from their south Texas home to attend the second night service, also joining Mr. Graham on the platform and receiving a standing ovation from the crowd when introduced by the evangelist.



First, Gulfport, Observes 75th Anniversary

A STRIKING AERIAL VIEW of the church plant of First Baptist Church, Gulfport, which observed its 75th anniversary on Sunday, September 19. On the Anniversary Sunday the congregation dedicated the two newest buildings which have only recently been completed. They are the Chapel-Classroom-Office Building which is at the bottom left corner of the complex, beside the auditorium. This building replaced the old sanctuary which burned in 1968. Also dedicated was a new Educational Building, housing the Nursery and some other departments. It appears at the upper right corner of photograph. The whole building, which now is complete, except for remodeling of the educational unit which is seen immediately behind the sanctuary, provides for 1600 in worship, and 1800 in educational work. The chapel seats about 300. The church also owns the frame house across the street (upper left) from the educational building. Dr. John Traylor is pastor.—PHOTO BY CHAUNCEY T. HINMAN.

## SBC Executive Committee Clears Ruling

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motion by J. H. Spencer of Alabama requesting more financial support for foreign missions.

"In response to the motion... by M. O. Owens," said the Executive Committee, "we have studied carefully the materials on the Bible which were presented in the Baptist Program (magazine) and believe that an earnest effort was made by the

### Hobbs Returns To Pulpit Recovered From Heart Attacks

OKLAHOMA CITY (BP)—Herschel H. Hobbs, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of First Baptist Church here, returned to the pulpit after a five months recuperation from a heart attack.

In his first sermon after the ailment, Hobbs told the congregation that while he had been knocked flat on his back, he was on his feet long before the count of ten, stronger than before.

In recent days, Hobbs has been increasingly active. He performed the wedding of W. R. White, president emeritus of Baylor University Waco, Tex., who has been preaching in his absence. White, former pastor of the church, and a church member Mrs. Hugo Mohr.

Hobbs said he also had checked galley proofs on two books he has written, prepared and recorded nine Baptist Hour sermons for Southern Baptists' national radio broadcasts and completed another book for Sunday School lesson studies.

Reports that he had suffered a second heart attack were incorrect, Hobbs said. A flu virus was incorrectly diagnosed as a mild heart attack, but his physician, who was out of town at the time, later said his cardiogram looked good and that it was not another heart attack.

### Baptist Seminary Enrolls Forty-Eight

The Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon, Switzerland, began its 1971 fall semester August 31 with 48 students from 17 countries. (EBPS)



### Forty-Two Profess Faith During Institute

Rev. Tom Hudson, pastor of Oak Forest Baptist Church, Jackson, reports a Lay Institute for Evangelism was held in that church the weekend of September 19, with one of the services pictured above.

Twenty-one churches were represented by 235 participants in the institute. These heard five lectures on film by Dr. Bill Bright, President and founder of Campus Crusade for Christ. The lectures were: 1) How to Experience God's Love and Forgiveness; 2) How to be Filled with the Spirit; 3) How to Witness in the Spirit; 4) How

editors to present a balanced response to the article.

"We believe," the committee continued, "that no good cause will be served by continuing the controversy in the Baptist Program." Owens had asked that a conservative scholar refute an article in the magazine entitled "Shall We Call the Bible Infallible?"

The Executive Committee voted to "acknowledge the Spencer motion... and report that everything possible is being done to increase funds to the Foreign Mission Board with consideration to the urgent needs of other agencies."

None of the proposals prompted debate or opposition during the committee meeting. The only debate of the two-day session came in response to a recommendation presented by the Executive Committee's "Committee of 15" assigned to study the total structure and organization of the convention in the light of implementation of a 1959 reorganization.

The Committee of 15 had recommended that the Baptist Program magazine be shifted from the Executive Committee public relations office to the administration section and that it concentrate on promotion of the Cooperative Program and interpretation of the convention programs. The proposal passed unanimously in the first session, but the committee voted to reconsider it in the next meeting.

Wallace Denton, professor at Purdue University in Lafayette, Ind., asked that the proposal be reconsidered, saying that the motion called for refocusing the emphasis of the magazine.

"Something this important demands more consideration based on more information than we had available last night," Denton said.

With only a few negative votes, the Executive Committee approved Denton's motion to refer the proposal to the administrative subcommittee of the Executive Committee for more discussion.

Denton also urged the need for out-recommendations in the future from the Committee of 15 would provide full information in advance to all concerned. The Executive Committee approved a motion asking the committee to draft such a procedure for presentation in February and to pub-

lize at least two weeks prior to the February meeting any recommendations they might bring at that time concerning SBC organization.

In other actions, the committee adopted a nine-month Executive Committee operating budget for 1972 totalling \$259,200; approved a policy inviting students to participate in Executive Committee meetings; selected the Hilton Hotel as the headquarters for the 1973 convention in Portland; approved a procedure for changing an agency's program statements; and authorized a \$325,000 self-liquidating loan for Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., to construct a mobile home park.

Resolutions of appreciation were adopted commending the work of retiring Baptist leaders W. L. Howse, Education Division director for the SBC Home Mission Board; and George W. Cummins, Chaplaincy Division director for the Home Mission Board.

Nearly a dozen matters were referred to subcommittees, or the SBC agencies for action or study. Most of the referrals requested that a report be made in February.

Two motions presented to the SBC in St. Louis were sent to the Sunday School Board — a request to eliminate the position of doctrinal reader at the board and a request to delete the word "Broadman" from the Broadman Bible Commentary.

A resolution at the St. Louis convention on the relation between the

## Eldie F. Hicks Memorial Fund Set By Commission

The Christian Action Commission met in annual business session at the Baptist Building September 23 and established the Eldie F. Hicks Memorial Fund in memory of the first Chairman of the Commission.

Funds received will be used in a new and enlarged family life tract ministry. Already an amount of \$7,000 has been designated to this purpose. It is anticipated that an amount of

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## Prayer Amendment Goes To House

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Reverence, Project Prayer, National Parents for Prayer, the National Association of Republican Women, the National Grange, and the National Association of Evangelicals.

Most of the major religious bodies and many of the nation's religious leaders have upheld the Supreme Court's decisions and have opposed prayer amendments.

Last year a similar prayer amendment passed the Senate by a vote of 50-20. It was attached to another proposed constitutional amendment — equal rights for women. Observers in Washington, however, say that this is not really a fair judge of Senate sentiment because most of the Senators knew that the amendment would not pass the House.

The proponents of the prayer amendment, headed by an Ohio housewife, Mrs. Ben Ruhlin of Cuyahoga Falls, have indicated that no effort will be spared to push the prayer amendment through to a successful conclusion. They have threatened political repercussions to any politician who dares to oppose the movement.

On the other hand, the opponents of prayer amendments have been slow to organize and have been unsuccessful in arousing a strong national sentiment to bring counter pressure to bear on the Congressmen and Senators. Indications are, however, that this lethargy could be changed in the next few months.

Steps from this point for the approval of the prayer amendment will be final action in the House of Representatives, with a two-thirds majority, action by the Senate with a two-thirds majority and then referral to state legislatures for approval. Three-

fourths of the states' legislatures must approve the amendment before it becomes a part of the Constitution. Advocates of the amendment at this point do not anticipate much opposition in the states.

### News Analysis

## Prayer Amendment Will Affect Future Church-State Relations

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truth is that the Court restrained government from authority and supervision of religious activities in public schools.

The proposed prayer amendment is projected for the purpose of reversing what the Supreme Court is erroneously accused of doing. The fact is that the proposed amendment does reverse what the Court actually decided. The Court took away government authority in religion in schools. The amendment gives government a measure of authority and "establishes" non-denominationalism in public buildings.

The prayer amendment introduces additional principles of constitutional law into the life of the nation. These principles are: (1) the concept of "lawful assembly" which is not now in the Constitution, (2) the location by law of certain religious rites (and rights), and (3) the determination and restriction of the substance of content of prayer that can be offered in public buildings.

Here is a partial list of side effects of the proposed amendment:

1. It denies the principle of voluntarism in religion by restricting the kind of prayers people can participate in and by giving the government authority to determine the content of the prayers that people can voluntarily pray in public buildings.

2. It introduces a religious divisiveness into the life of the nation that could result in serious national disunity along religious lines. The religious groups themselves have never been able to achieve a consensus on a definition of prayer, much less "nondenominational" prayer. Some arm of government will now have to make that determination, if the amendment becomes a part of the Constitution.

3. The amendment creates a situa-

### Plush Bible School

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. (RNS) — Hollywood Beach Hotel, plush vacation and convention center for some 40 years, opened this fall as the home of what is claimed to be one of the largest and fastest growing Bible schools in the U. S.

Some 850 students are now housed in the 834 private rooms of the majestic hotel complex, which was sold to Florida Bible College for more than \$5 million. The non-denominational school was formerly based in Miami.

are now shared by students who pay \$10 a week.

## Music Department Plans Two Retreats

The Church Music Department has scheduled two Pastor-Song Leader Retreats, during the month of October.

October 15 - 16 at Clarke College, Newton, and the other, October 22 - 23, at Easthaven Baptist Church, Brookhaven.

These retreats will begin at 6:00 with supper, followed by registration, and will

Jimmy McCaleb close with lunch on Saturday. These retreats will be practical from start to finish. They are exclusively designed for leaders of smaller churches — churches with volunteer music directors with little or no training. Guest children will be Jimmy McCaleb, minister of music at Handsboro Church.

These will be very similar to the two retreats held in the spring in Grenada and Hattiesburg. They are unique events designed to give assistance to pastors and song leaders, giving fresh ideas for orders of service, congregational singing and special music.

A planning committee, composed of pastors, volunteer music directors, and superintendents of missions, has been working with the Mississippi Church Music Department to plan these retreats. Dr. J. B. Dyer, pastor, Woodville Baptist Church, is coordinator.

### Swedish Bible School Enrolls 133

The short-term Bible school of the Oerebro Mission, a Baptist group in Sweden, reports a record of 133 attendants. The school meets for five weeks every fall in Oerebro, the city in central Sweden which gave the organization its name and which remains its headquarters — EBPS.

## MC Plans To Establish Seminary Extension Center

Mississippi College announced plans this week to establish a Seminary Extension Center on campus to accommodate pastors and key lay leaders with an evening training center.

Dr. Charles E. Martin, vice-president for academic affairs, said the Center would begin operation on Oct. 4 and that two courses would be offered initially. Others might be added later.

Dr. Eugene I. Farr, recently retired as professor of education and director of the Bureau of Appointments at Mississippi College, will be the Center director and teach one of the courses.

Dr. Martin said the two courses to be taught would be New Testament 112, with Dr. Farr doing the teaching, and Fundamentals of Music (Music 155), to be taught by Tanner Riley, minister of music at the First Baptist Church of Clinton.

On hand to help organize the Mississippi College Center were Rev. Paul Jakes, Seminary Extension Department; Rev. Fred Tarpley, superintendent of missions of the Hinds-Madison Baptist Association; Rev. J. C. Renfro, superintendent of missions of the Rankin County Baptist

Association; Dr. Norman O'Neal, acting superintendent of missions in the Yazoo County Baptist Association; Dr. Farr and Dr. Martin.

This group will serve as the Advisory Council to the campus Center.

The Mississippi College Center is expected to draw pastors and lay leaders from throughout central Mississippi. Many churches are expected to pay the \$10 fee per course for any of their members enrolling in the Center.

All teaching materials and textbooks are to be ordered through the Seminary Extension Department, with all financial arrangements to be handled according to department regulations.

Individuals seeking additional information on the Center should contact Dr. Farr or Dr. Martin immediately. The first class session is slated for Monday, Oct. 4.

The Seminary Extension Department is an arm of the six Southern Baptist Seminaries operated throughout the convention. They include Southern Seminary, Golden Gate Seminary, Southwestern Seminary, Southeastern Seminary, New Orleans Seminary, and Midwestern Seminary.

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proved detailed plans for the State Family Life Conference in Hattiesburg, February 28-29, and the Religious Liberty Conference March 9-10, in Jackson. Also, nine one-day Bible Conferences will be held in January with the theme "The Biblical Basis of Christian Action."

Resource personalities for the State Conference will include Dr. John Drakeford, Fort Worth; Dr. Harold Rutledge, New Orleans; and Dr. James Dunn, Dallas.

The Bible expositors for the Bible Conference will be Dr. Joe Tuten, Jackson; Dr. W. W. Stevens, Clinton; Dr. Jerry Breazeale, Bogalusa, La.; Dr. Charles Myers, Jackson; Dr. Donald Ackland, Nashville; and Dr. J. Hardee Kennedy and Dr. Thomas J. Delaughter of New Orleans.

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## EDITORIAL

### A Visit To The Sunday School Board

Last year, when Southern Baptist state paper editors, made a visit to the Foreign Mission Board to learn more about its organization and program, we gave an editorial report to our readers, concerning some of the things we had learned. This briefing at the Board proved so meaningful to the editors that they decided to encourage similar visits to other major SBC agencies. As a result, an invitation came from the Sunday School Board for the editors to be guests of that agency just prior to the September meeting of the SBC Executive Committee. This meeting was held last week, and like the Foreign Mission Board visit, this one proved to be of inestimable value. Actually, a brief report like this cannot do justice to the experience. A majority of the editors were present, and the sessions were crowded and most fruitful.

The Sunday School Board is one of four major Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention. Others are the Foreign Mission Board, the Home Mission Board and the Annuity Board. The Sunday School Board differs from the others in that it receives no support from the Cooperative Program or other mission giving of the churches. From the very beginning of its existence this board has been self supporting. It not only has paid its own way, but actually has poured millions of dollars back into Southern Baptist work. Moreover, it still is providing hundreds of thousands of dollars for various phases of convention work each year.

The Sunday School Board was authorized by the Southern Baptist Convention at its meeting in Birmingham in 1891. The young pastor who had conceived such a board for publication of of literature for Southern Baptist

churches, Dr. James M. Frost, from Virginia, was chosen as the first Executive Secretary-Treasurer. The convention provided no funds for starting the agency, so it began with a borrowed desk and borrowed funds. From such an inauspicious beginning, the Sunday School Board has grown to be one of the largest denominational service agencies anywhere in the world today, and one of the largest publishers of curriculum literature for churches. Its great office building and plant in Nashville has a value of millions of dollars, and its ministry reaches churches in every corner of America, and far beyond the nation's borders.

The objective of the Sunday School Board, is revealed in a statement of purpose adopted by the convention. It says that this Board's "objective is to support the Southern Baptist Convention in its task of bringing men to God through Jesus Christ by making available Bibles, lesson courses and materials, books, films and film strips, music and recordings, and church supplies, and by fostering education and service programs which will help the churches to establish, conduct, enlarge and improve the ministries of Bible teaching and Christian training."

The Sunday School Board seeks to accomplish this objective through twenty-five major programs. These are used to perform the four major functions which the Board perceives as its responsibility: (1) Publication of church literature, books, films and filmstrips, music and recordings, and church supplies. (2) Discovery, development and promotion of education and service programs for use in the churches. (3) The operation of Baptist Book Stores. (4) The operation of Baptist assemblies at Ridgecrest and Glorietta.

The ministry of the Sunday School Board is directed by an elected board

of approximately 65 members. This board in turn chooses a staff to handle the actual operation of the organization. The present Executive Secretary-Treasurer is Dr. James L. Sullivan, former Mississippian. He is aided by a trained, dedicated staff of competent leaders, who direct an organization with more than 80 employees.

Under a new organizational set-up which becomes effective Oct. 1, 1971, (this week), the organization is in five divisions. They are Assemblies, Book Store, Church Services and Materials, Broadman, and Management Services. All of these, of course, are under the general direction of the Executive Office. Working with the Executive Secretary-Treasurer, are an Associate Executive Secretary-Treasurer, the Editorial Secretary and an Office of Personnel and an Office of Public Relations. Thus the complex maze of varied services and ministries are handled with responsibility, efficiency and dispatch.

A visit to the board, such as that afforded the editors, brings a number of distinct impressions. First, one is impressed by the overwhelming size of the board and the complexity of its ministry. The effort to serve all 11,000,000 Southern Baptists in their 34,000 churches, is in itself a stupendous task. As one talks to the leaders of the board and listens to their explanation of the program, he sees the determination of the board to fulfill the purposes which the convention has assigned to it.

A second impression is one that borders on excitement as the plans for enlarged service and programs are unveiled. The board has positive plans for doing a better job in every area in which it is working.

A third impression is in the ability, the dedication and the sincerity of the men who direct the board's work. Sitting with them in "give and take" sessions, where there is frank discussion of the board's program and work, reveals that they know their task and are seeking to do it well.

A final impression is the feeling that the board's executive personnel, including division leaders, are listening to what Southern Baptists are saying and are hearing what they say. A statement of philosophy in the "Board Member Orientation Manual," adds to this feeling: "The new organization (referring to plans mentioned above) is based on a philosophy which states that the satisfaction of the customer's wants/needs is the economic, social and spiritual justification of the Board's existence. This concept means that it is the wants/needs of the marketplace and not the desire of the Board to sell its products that is the predominantly important thing. Consequently, all Board activities in planning, production, and finance, as well as in field service, must be devoted to, first determining what the customers' wants/needs are and then to satisfy these wants/needs while still making sufficient earnings to provide adequate working capital, fixed assets, and reserves to carry on the work of the Board."

The Board has problems in that it is seeking to minister to churches of all sizes, and to Baptists with varying theological points of view, but it is evident that the leaders earnestly are seeking to solve these problems, and to do it in a manner acceptable to Southern Baptists. With a philosophy such as that suggested above, a purpose of finding what the convention wants, and doing that, we think that they will succeed.

The Sunday School Board has rendered a mighty ministry to Southern Baptists throughout its history, and that ministry grows every day. We thank God for the past, and we lift our hearts in prayer to God for his leadership in the present and the future.

### A Leader Retires

This week brings to a close the ministry of Dr. William P. Davis, who is retiring after 14 years as Director of Work with National Baptists for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Dr. Davis also had an earlier period of service as Associate Executive Secretary during the days of Dr. D. A. McCall.

Probably, no man in Mississippi Baptist history has made a larger contribution to understanding, good relationships and cooperation between the Baptists of various racial groups in the state, than has Dr. Davis. In a special chapel service on Friday, September 24, Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, called him a "Bridge-builder with Concern." This is an apt description of a man who literally has given the last fourteen years of his active ministry to building bridges between Baptists of the two predominant racial groups in Mississippi. Moreover, his influence has reached far beyond the borders of this state.

As Director of the Department of Work with National Baptists for Mississippi Baptists, Dr. Davis' ministry reached in many directions. He served as president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, an institution which offers academic training to religious leaders, both preachers and laymen, and extends that ministry to the people wherever they are in the state. This unique institution, with a central center in Jackson and branches all over the state, has been strengthened and developed under Dr. Davis' leadership, until it has touched literally thousands of lives.

Dr. Davis led in the establishment of the Sophia Sutton Assembly at Prentiss, an institution which provides an assembly ministry and program for National Baptists and all others. Connected with this there was developed a large program of training for pre-school children. Several thousands of persons have been registered at this assembly during each of its recent seasons.

One of the most effective programs developed under Dr. Davis' leadership was the student program on campuses over the state, where students from National Baptist churches were enlisted

ed and directed in positive service for Christ.

Other ministries of this unusual leader included a radio program, a writing ministry, and a preaching witness that carried him into churches all across the state.

The "Committee of Concern" ministry, which was so effective a few years ago in rebuilding burned churches in Mississippi, actually was born in the heart of Dr. Davis. It was his concern which called others together to "do something" about the tragic events in the state. Only eternity will reveal what this movement actually accomplished.

Dr. Davis has been most effective in bringing the various National Baptist conventions in the state into closer relationship one with the other, and in bringing new understanding and fellowship between National Baptists and Baptists of the Southern Baptist Convention churches.

His love for the Lord and for his fellow men, his complete dedication to untiring Christian witness and service, his fearlessness and selflessness in seeking to carry out the role the Lord had given him, his far-seeing vision of what Baptists could do in kingdom affairs, and his optimistic attitude in the face of difficulty, have given Dr. Davis the strength and determination to carry on, and God has rewarded his work with amazing success.

On this, the occasion of his retirement from his leadership position, we salute him, and extend our prayers and best wishes for God's richest blessings in retirement days. We are sure that he is not quitting, but simply is turning his energies to service in other areas which the Lord will open to him.

### You Must Not Miss This!

Let me urge you to turn back right now to the first column on page one and read the article by Barry Garrett of Washington, on why the "Prayer Amendment" which is about to be considered by congress is a threat to our religious freedoms. This is must reading! IF YOU SKIP EVERYTHING ELSE IN THIS ISSUE, PLEASE READ THIS ARTICLE. Within a week or two

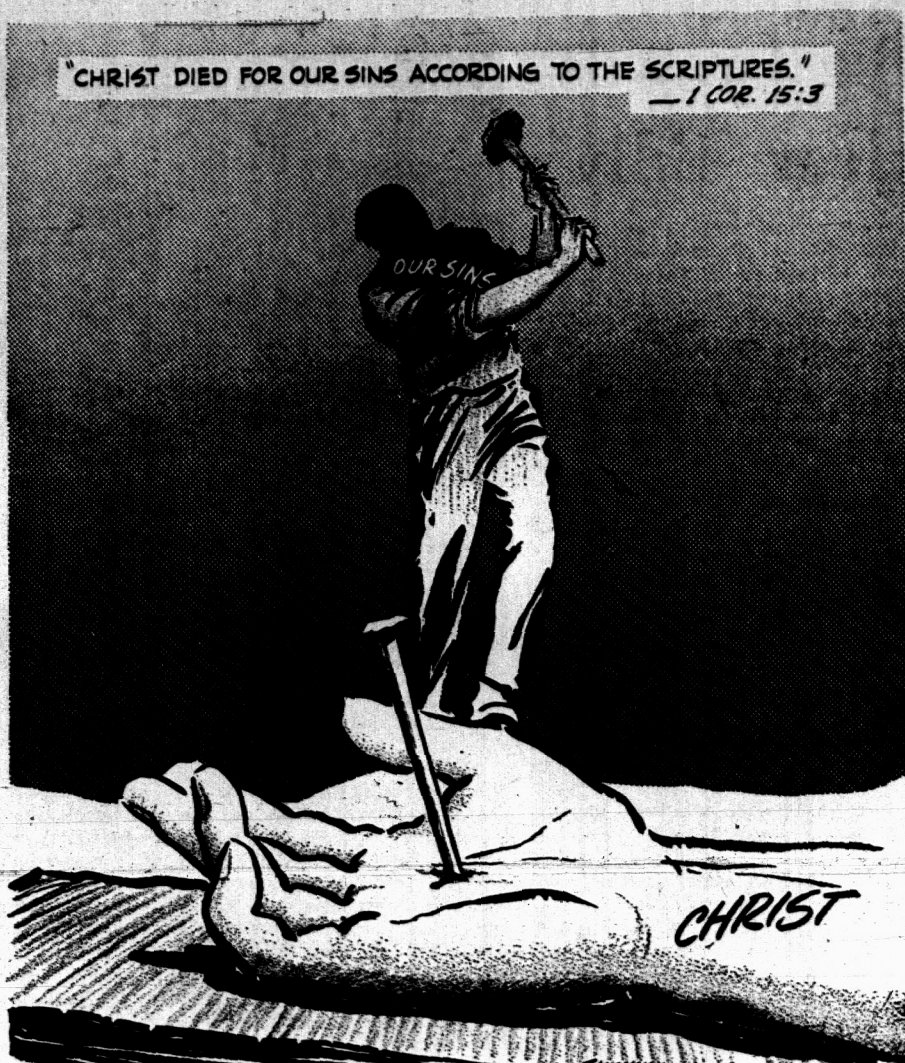
your editor will write on this same subject, but he will not be able to speak in any clearer way than Mr. Garrett does. It is time for Baptists everywhere to let their congressional representatives know that they do NOT want this legislation passed. Mr. Garrett tells you why. Read him, and then watch for another editorial here within the next two weeks.

**GREAT TRAILS OF THE WEST** by Richard Denlop (Abingdon, 320 pp., \$7.95).

The west was won by people who traveled trails... the Santa Fe trail, the Chisholm trail, the Oregon trail, the Pony Express trail and others. This book tells the thrilling stories of those trails and the parts they played in history. The saga of the things which happened is thrilling, and one who loves the west and loves history, will spend many hours in these pages. Many illustrations.

**PARISH PLANNING** by Lyle E. Schaller (Abingdon, 240 pp., \$3.45 paper).

The author is a planner and consultant who directs the Planning and Research Center for Parish Development at Evangelical Theological Seminary, Naperville, Ill. This is a practical outline of plans and programs for church program building. While not written from a Baptist point of view, it should have many helpful ideas for Baptist pastors.



### WHOM WE HAVE PIERCED

#### THE BAPTIST FORUM

#### Mission Work Grows Through "Faith" Support

Dr. Odle

Thank you for your recent editorial, "Someone to Hold the Rope." If Southern Baptists shared an awareness of the needs you describe I believe that they would take some definite steps to strengthen the new work in new areas.

One step is to keep telling the story of these new congregations in the Northeast and the Northwest. Your editorial is the kind of reminder we need.

Another step is for members of our established churches to visit areas where Southern Baptists and evangelical Christians are in the minority. A delegation from Mississippi visited our county last month. Three of the men visited our Chapel: M. B. Cobb, Chancery Clerk of Lauderdale County; Dr. M. L. Flynt Jr., a Meridian surgeon; and Reverend Leon Young, Superintendent of Missions for Lauderdale County Baptist Association. These men multiplied our Chapel's witnessing visitation ministry for the four days they were with us. This delegation was coordinated by Reverend E. L. Howell and Dr. Foy Rogers of your state convention staff. I understand that each of the participants came here at his own expense. And we are grateful for their visit.

A basic step for undergirding this new work is for our churches to make substantial increases in their gifts through the Cooperative Program. Home Missions needs are critical. There was a decrease in the number of missionaries and U.S. workers employed this year, despite an abundance of qualified young applicants. We are told not to expect pastoral salary assistance to be available for any new congregations that may be started in the coming year. All this for the lack of Home Mission Board support curtailing our equally critical Foreign Mission Board advance is for our people to increase their Cooperative Program giving. The reported 13.8 per cent increase of Cooperative Program gifts during July is the best news about missions support that I've heard recently.

When I moved to New Jersey in March of 1970 to become West Monmouth Baptist Chapel's first resident pastor, Home Mission Board salary assistance was not available. It was only supplementary support, from established churches (in the manner you described in your editorial), that make it possible for me to devote full time to this ministry. When Home Mission Board assistance be-  
Reverend Jack Redford wrote, "We are doing this blindly on faith, and may not be able to renew it in January." Thankfully, Convention assistance has continued uninterrupted since that time.

But it is a reminder to us that all we do is by faith. In faith we pray. By faith we give to world missions. And as an expression of the faith of Southern Baptists our mission boards distribute the gifts of our people.

Keep telling the story.  
DeLane Ryals  
West Monmouth Chapel,  
Freehold, New Jersey

#### Introducing A Retired Pastor To Mississippians

Dear Editor:

West Kentucky's loss is Mississippi's gain in our beloved brother, L. R. Riley. His influence will long be felt in this area; it has been through his direct agency that Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College has developed its annual Labor Day Dollar Shower which contributes greatly to the support of this mission project.

Now that Brother Riley is in Jackson, we in Kentucky want to urge the people of central Mississippi to meet this man of God. He is the father of Mrs. Joe Odle, and he and Mrs. Riley now live with the Odles.

Sincerely,  
R. Charles Blair, Academic Dean  
Baptist Bible College, Mayfield, Ky.



A Woman's World Reaches Far

#### Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

We're getting ready for a revival at our church. Recently the pastor suggested some things he thought we needed a revival of. I'm sure he won't mind if I expound on one of his points which, though I say it much less eloquently than he, went something like this: we need a revival of positive, optimistic attitude which will involve a ceasing of griping, fussing, snapping, and general disgruntled behavior toward each other. Almost everybody is fussy. Have you noticed?

Because of this prayer meeting message I decided to declare a moratorium on griping and all its synonyms from now until October 10, when our revival ends. I guess this might be a freeze sort of thing.

When I consider how many things this generation of children have heard us adults fuss and fume about in the last ten years, I'm surprised they are not a fussier, harder-to-please generation than they are.

Mine have heard me fuss and gripe about everything governmental under the sun from the price of postage to the national debt, everything weatherwise from the air-conditioning at church to the heat in Hawaii, every subject in life from the alphabet to the zoo. You name it, and I have fussed about—and my children have heard me.

My prayers for strength during this moratorium go something like this: "Lord, this boy forgot to take out the garbage again. Help me to be nice when I remind him." "Lord, this classroom is so hot I can hardly breathe. Help me not to fuss anymore about it." "Father, the dust accumulates so quickly—don't let anyone knock 'til I get it up. But if they do, help me ignore the dust and enjoy the visitor. Help the visitor ignore the dust, too, please, Sir, if that's not asking too much."

Several times I have said a grateful prayer, "Father, I already feel better for having tried this, but help me keep my resolution until October 10."

Hopefully, by then, I will have established a proper attitude and will have such a good non-griping habit going that I won't have to extend the moratorium.

Care to join my moratorium?  
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#### NEWEST BOOKS

**PRACTICAL HELP FOR TEACHING THE BIBLE** by William J. Brown (Broadman, paper, 55 pp.) A layman's guide for Sunday school teachers, by the director of Eastern area, Book Stores Division, BSSE. This book can help teachings in studying the Bible and planning Sunday morning sessions. The author recommends books that have been helpful to him and underscores the need for a lesson plan to catch attention and hold the discussion on course.



# God Calls Men To Be His Servants In The World

By Clifton J. Allen  
Exodus 3:1-20; 2 Timothy 1:8-9

The God whom we worship reveals himself to men and calls them to be his servants in the world. He is continuously revealing his will to individuals, calling them to particular tasks, and reassigning them to other assignments. All such instances illustrate and emphasize the truth that God chooses and calls persons through whom he acts to bring to fulfillment his purpose of salvation and righteousness and peace.

**The Lesson Explained**  
**Vision Of The Lord**  
Verses 1-6  
The call of Moses at the burning bush was a life-changing experience.

## Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

# An Angel Announces His Coming

Luke 1:26-38  
By Bill Duncan

This year the Life and Work Sunday School lessons will deal for the entire year, "71-72, with the writing of Dr. Luke. The first six months will deal with the Gospel by Luke under the theme "God's Creative Gospel." The second six months is given to the Acts of the Apostle by Luke under the theme — "What God Expects of His People." The theme of our entire church work is in "Living the Spirit of Christ in Expectancy and Creativity." These lessons should open the hearts and minds of our people to a year of continual study.

The Gospel of Luke is unique in its importance in respect to the understanding of inspiration of Scripture. Luke states that through research his God-controlled mind has come forth with a record of what Jesus did while here on earth. God guided him in his purpose and research, protecting him from error with the freedom to express the message in his own personal way. The purpose of this study and of this book is that the reader might know "the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed." This is a full-knowledge account of Jesus' life and ministry. This account by Luke was designed to stand the test of time and criticism.

The story of the announcement of birth of Jesus begins with the birth of John the Baptist who would prepare the way for Jesus' ministry. The birth of John was the result of God's work in a marvelous fashion. It opened the way for the birth of Jesus into the world.

**The Announcement**  
Six months after Gabriel had appeared to Zacharias, he was sent by God to tell Mary the good news. It was certainly possible that Luke got the account from Mary. Anyway, Luke tells of things no other writers mention. Luke as a physician would certainly check out some of the things

His vision at Horeb of the angel of the Lord in the flame of fire is perhaps best understood as an overwhelming awareness of the presence of God. The essential truth conveyed by this dramatic scene is that God revealed himself to Moses. Moses felt himself to be in the very presence of God. He heard God speak. He understood what God said. He responded to God with reverential fear, with appropriate response to God's holiness, with earnest attention to God's words, and with unquestioned convention about God's reality. Moses' vision of the Lord need not be thought of primarily in its physical aspects, for these are beyond our comprehension and certain knowledge. But the spiritual aspects are what matter. Moses could not see God, but he had a revelation of the Lord and heard the Lord's call to a specific task.

**Commission By The Lord**  
Verses 7-10

The Lord had not forgotten his people. The almost unbearable cruelty suffered by the Hebrews had not gone unnoticed by the Lord of heaven.

Therefore, the Lord said, "I am come down to deliver them." God would turn his compassion into action. But how? He would act by calling Moses and commissioning him to be the deliverer. In the commission, given to Moses we have an example of how God acts to accomplish his purposes among men. God is active in this world through persons called to do what he wants done. He calls persons like Moses, and countless other persons, and acts through them and works, through them his works of compassion, of deliverance, of leadership, of instruction, of healing, of redemption, and of reconciliation. In the commission given to Moses, God was beginning to set in operation a mighty movement of self-revelation, redemptive compassion, sovereign judgment and covenant purpose.

**Help From The Lord**  
Verses 11-14

The response of Moses should not occasion surprise. No wonder he responded, "Who am I?" How could he be the instrument of God for such an undertaking? Moses was then given

reassurance that God would be with him. God never calls one to the task without providing what is needed to perform it. Even so, Moses was quite realistic. He knew that if he went back to Egypt, claiming to be sent by the God of the Hebrews, they would want to be certain about the identity of God. God then told Moses, "I am that I am." God was identifying himself to Moses as the living God, as all-sufficient, as always the same, and—as we learn from verse 15—as the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. God's promise to Moses, "I will be with thee," and his name, "I am that I am," contain the identical verb: "I will be what I will be." God called Moses to a tremendous task, and he promised to be with Moses as the covenant-keeping God of the Hebrews. The assurance given to Moses that he was being sent by God to deliver his people from bondage

was that he would later serve God upon that same mountain in Midian.

**Truths to Live By**  
God calls people in terms of the Christian gospel. — Deliverance from the bondage of sin is the desire of God for every person in the world. Therefore, the truth of the Christian gospel is to be proclaimed to all men everywhere. Let people hear the divine call to repent and to believe the gospel. Let all people hear the call of God to obey his commandments, to do justly and to love mercy, to fear the Lord and to prepare for the judgment. And let every Christian hear the imperative call of the living Christ to follow him in the way of courageous faith, self-giving service to other persons, and wholehearted devotion to the kingdom of God.

**God calls persons to places of strategic leadership.** — Down the centuries, God has called person after person after person, an unnumbered multitude, to accept some role of strategic leadership as an ambassador of Christ. Central in this role are ministers of churches, missionaries of the

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gospel, leaders of Christian movements, and builders of institutions committed to ministries of teaching and healing. God is active in the earth pouring forth the energies of his majesty and mercy, his omniscience and omnipotence, working through his Spirit to call individuals and to help them as they become agents of the eternal purpose of God for a new deliverance out of bondage and suffering into freedom and fulfillment.

## Taylor To Be Guest On "Master Control"

Kenneth N. Taylor, founder of Tynedale House Publishers and translator of the "Living Bible," will be a special guest on the "MasterControl" program for the weekend of October 3.

Taylor will tell about his life-work of paraphrasing the entire Bible, which he began by putting a few verses of scripture into everyday language for the benefit of his children.

## T. Jansma To Retire

T. Jansma, general treasurer of the Union of Baptist Churches in the Netherlands, will retire from that responsibility October 1, due to health reasons.—EBPS.

## MIKE SPEER, SOUTHERN BAPTIST STEWARDSHIP LEADER, ROBBED, INJURED

LOS ANGELES (BP) — Michael L. Speer, director of Cooperative Program Promotion for the Southern Baptist Convention Stewardship Commission in Nashville, was robbed and shot by two men who stopped him on the street three blocks from his motel here.

His injury was not considered serious. A small calibre bullet entered behind the left ear, passed through his mouth and jaw and came out his right cheek.

Speer was in California to speak at one of three state stewardship conferences scheduled here, in San Diego and in Fresno.

Richard Kay, staff member for the Southern Baptist General Convention of California who also spoke at the conferences, said Speer told him the incident happened like this:

Speer decided to go for a walk before retiring for the night on Monday, Sept. 6. Three blocks from the hotel near Los Angeles Convention Center, two gunmen held him up, took about \$10 in cash, his billfold, credit cards, identification and motel room key.

Speer offered no resistance. As the two blacks turned to run, one of them, almost as an afterthought, fired. Speer told Kay.

The former Kentucky state stewardship secretary ran for nearly two blocks before he found help. A bartender called for an ambulance. He never lost consciousness.

After emergency treatment at Los Angeles County Hospital, Speer borrowed a dime from a nurse to call Kay in Fresno and tell him he could

not speak at the conference and to call his wife in Nashville.

Both Kay and Speer's physician said, "The physician, a Baptist deacon, said that if the bullet had hit one-quarter inch to the other side, it would have severed a major artery. If it had passed one inch to the other side, it would have hit the brain."

Speer told his wife there was little pain and that the physicians said he was doing fine. He flew to Nashville two nights after the incident to enter a Nashville hospital.

Kay said Los Angeles police had no leads on who might have committed the robbery and fired the shot. Speer said it was dark and he could not recognize the men.

## Carey To Offer Classes In Tax Reporting On Coast

William Carey College will offer a night class in "Individual Income Tax Reporting" for the citizens of the coast on Tuesday evenings at the Biloxi High School in Biloxi. According to Carey's Academic Vice President, Dr. Joseph M. Ernest, the course will be taught by Mr. Robert Smith, Director of Vocational Education for the Biloxi School System. The course will begin on September 21st and will last each Tuesday night from 6 until 9 p.m. until 10 weeks have passed.

The "Individual Income Tax" course is listed in Carey's regular curriculum as Accounting 333. The course will cost the student \$50.00 and three hours of college credit will be earned. Registration will take place at the first session of the class. For further information persons interested may contact William Carey College.

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## REVIVAL RESULTS

Baptist Church July 25-August 1. Four professions of faith, six by letter and two rededications. Pastor and evangelist, Billy T. McDaniel. Music by Clayton Corley and Ann Bowen, members of Mt. Olive.

Pineview Baptist Church, Pastor, Rev. Victor (Pete) Jackson recently baptized 17 people following their Sept. 12 revival. Rev. Jimmy Coleman, evangelist and Rev. J. B. Betts, music director. Since Mr. Jackson came to Pineview in June, 1969, have welcomed 44 in baptism and 12 by letter into the church.

Rev. W. M. Daves has moved to Columbus to be the pastor of East End Baptist Church. He is a native of Greenwood and comes to Columbus from Camp Creek Baptist Church in Lee County and is the former pastor of First Baptist, Fulton.

Mr. Daves is a graduate of Mississippi College, Clinton and of the Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. He also held pastorates in Kentucky as well as Mississippi. For the past nine years, Mr. Daves taught Bible at Itawamba Junior College.

He is married to the former Mavis Joudon of Aberdeen, Miss. She is a graduate of Blue Mountain College. They have two daughters, Mrs. Louis Rubio of Jackson and Mrs. William E. Neal of Clinton.

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## Regional Youth Seminars Announced For October

NASHVILLE — Three regional seminars for volunteer and professional youth workers have been announced for the month of October by the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

The seminars on the theme "Youth: Today's Imperative" are slated for October. 11-15 at Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, N. M.; Oct. 18-22 at Lake Texoma Lodge, Kingston, Okla.; and Oct. 25-29 at Lake Junaluska, N. C.

The sessions will study who youth are, "The Concerns of Youth," and ways churches can effectively reach, teach and involve youth.

Participants will be divided into two groups — one for pastors and laymen from churches who have no professional help in the area of youth work and the other for those from churches that have professional youth help.

Each of the seminars will be limited to 80 participants. A registration fee of \$20 covers materials related to study, insurance and two meals during the week.

Registration and reservation information may be obtained by writing to the Church Program Training Center, 330 N. Main St., Nashville, Tenn. 37203.

## The Proof

Mary did not have the proof by sight, but she accepted the proof of God's promise and assurance by faith. She placed her social, religious life in jeopardy for the sake of God's will.

The response of Mary was, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy Word." The word handmaid means female slave. Mary submitted herself to the Lord, knowing what was before her.

The example of Mary is a challenge to all of us who would do the will of God.

Every Israelite woman cherished in her heart the hope that she might become the mother of the Messiah. He would be the first-born son as tradition taught. The promise was made to David that his family was chosen for the honor of bearing the Messiah.

and because she was of that family, it was possible for her to become the mother of the Messiah. But the question still seemed impossible. "When God moves into a situation, and takes control, He can do anything He wills, for He is Lord of all."

The proof of the experience was Mary's willingness which opened the door of opportunity. The life of Jesus and his resurrection bear witness that this promise to Mary came true.

The announcement came as a surprise. Mary was never a person so used to blessing a world by what she was able to give. Mary was only used by God. She was not divine in any manner. Faith opens the door to God's usefulness.

## Memorize Scripture And Get Free Trip To The Holy Land

Rev. Wm. Gary Smith, (pictured) pastor of the First Baptist Church of Carriere, announces that he is again serving as an associate director with Dr. Wayne Dehoney on a tour of The Holy Land and due to the success of a series of television programs over WLOX-TV Station (Channel 13) in Biloxi a new television program started

September 19 at 7:30 a. m. which provides a free trip to The Holy Land for someone 26 years of age or younger who memorizes the most of The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew Chapters 5, 6, and 7). The tour will leave from New York City, January 3, 1972.

The last television program offered free Bibles to those persons who got the correct answers to questions about the Bible and in addition offered a free trip to Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly plus a new Bible or if for any reason the person could not make the trip to Ridgecrest he would be offered a new Bible and a one-hundred-dollar bill for memorizing the most of The Sermon on the Mount.

Members and friends of the First Baptist Church of Carriere have contributed enough donations for several programs. Other persons desiring complete information, or to help keep this program on the air to help young people "To Learn The Bible" may do so by praying to God that he will continue to bless this ministry and by sending any size contribution to First Baptist Church, P. O. Box 56, Carriere, Mississippi 38922.

Those persons who send in a contribution of seven dollars or more Brother Smith will send them, as a token of his appreciation, a record that is being made.

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## Revival Dates

First Baptist Church, Byram: Youth Revival; October 3-6; 7:00 each evening; the evangelist will be Rev. Rory Lee of Mississippi College. The Crusaders of Gloster, Mississippi, will sing at the October 6 service. A team from Mississippi State Penitentiary will speak at the October 6 service. The pastor is Rev. Orvell E. Hooker.



**Parkway, Hernando: October 3-6;** services at 7 p.m.; Rev. Billy Pierce, right, evangelist; J. B. Betts, left, in charge of music. On Sunday the church will celebrate its first anniversary with all-day services and dinner on the grounds.

## Canterbury Panels Are Featured

LONDON (RNS) — Color photographs of stained glass window panels in historic Canterbury Cathedral will be reproduced by the British Post Office on this year's special Christmas postage stamps.

The stamps will go on public sale Oct. 13, several weeks earlier than usual because of popular demand.

## Baptist Hospital Graduates Four In School Of Therapy

Four new inhalation therapists are launching new careers today following their graduation from the School of Inhalation Therapy at Mississippi Baptist Hospital.

They are Larry Lynn Clayton, Hazen, Ark.; Felix Gene Costilow, Winona, Miss.; Ruth Diane Sylvester, Jackson; and Miss Vickie Lynn Strong, Jackson.

Clayton has reported for duty at a hospital in Jonesboro, Ark.; Costilow is working at a hospital in Winona; and Mrs. Sylvester is at Baptist Hospital.

Bob Wall, technical director of the school said 12 Hinds Junior College sophomores are now taking their clinical training in the Mississippi Baptist Hospital program.

He said numerous applicants have been received from Hinds Junior College freshmen.

Wall encouraged high school and college students interested in a career as an inhalation therapist to write to him at the school at Mississippi Baptist Hospital.

Costilow is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Millard S. Costilow, of Winona. Mrs. Sylvester is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hartfield, of Jackson. Miss Strong is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daphne Strong, Jackson.

## Poplarville Plans Unusual Services During October

First, Poplarville, has planned a varied emphasis during October which is called "Church Loyalty Month." On October 3, the congregation will have dinner-at-the-church followed by the observance of the Lord's Supper.

Dr. Claude Rhea will witness for Christ with testimony and song on October 10.

On October 17, Dr. Grady C. Cotten, President of New Orleans Seminary, will preach at the morning worship hour.

Rev. R. T. Buckley, missionary to East Pakistan, will speak at morning worship and the Chapel Choir will do a concert in the evening of October 24. On the fifth Sunday, the Youth will help plan and do the evening worship service.

All members, former members, and friends are invited to share in this emphasis upon church loyalty. The pastor is Rev. Robert B. Barnes and the associate minister is Rev. J. D. Batson.

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## Names In The News

Evangelist Bob Parker, Jr., was in revival at the Colonial Hills Baptist Church, Southaven Rev. J. D. Nazary, pastor, Sept. 19-26.

Since entering full-time evangelism in March of this year, Rev. Barker has conducted 30 revivals and is now accepting revivals for 1972.

He may be reached at P. O. Box 523, Mobile, Alabama, 36601.

Rev. & Mrs. Buford Easley announce the birth of a new daughter, Sonya Joanne, born on Aug. 24th. She is welcomed by a sister, Sherry, and a brother, Robert. The Easleys are presently serving as pastor and family of Williams Blvd. Baptist Church in Kenner, La. Both Mr. & Mrs. Easley are originally from Houma, Mississippi.

Miss Nancy Vallandingham, a senior at Vanceave High School, has just returned from Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, where she was a staffer, working in the mimeographing office.

Nancy is a member of the Vanceave Baptist Church, where she is active in Sunday School, Youth Activities and Youth Choir. She was instrumental in establishing the Ac-Teens Club at her high school.

Nancy was born in Marshall, Texas, but has spent most of her life along the Gulf Coast. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. D. T. Vallandingham, and has one sister and brother.

### NEW COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

John J. Smarge, 46-year-old utility contractor of Silver Spring, Md., was elected chairman of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission at the annual meeting of the trustees in Memphis, Tennessee.

Johnny L. Eubanks, music director, Zion Baptist Church, Pontotoc, was ordained to the music ministry by the church, Sunday evening, August 22. Deacon Allen Monts brought the report of the Ordination on Council to the church. Deacon Bilbo Cox gave the charge to the candidate; Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Pontotoc Association Missionary, charged the church. The sermon was preached by Rev. Eugene Walden, pastor of Providence Baptist Church, Tiptonville, and brother-in-law of Mr. Eubanks. Deacon Amos M. Ray led the ordination prayer. Mrs. Wayne Clingan led the music. Mrs. Jones Brandon, president of the adult choir, presented Mr. Eubanks a copy of the pulpit edition of the Baptist Hymnal on behalf of the church. Truman D. Scarborough is pastor at Zion.

Rev. Tom Littlejohn (pictured) of Pontotoc was recently called as pastor of Old Mt. Pisgah Church (Choctaw County). Worship services are now held each Sunday. Mr. Littlejohn also teaches at Vaiden High School, Vaiden, Mississippi 39176.

Rev. and Mrs. George W. Garrison of Ripley served as Christian Service Corps workers for several weeks this summer under the direction of Rev. and Mrs. Oliver W. Marson of Poplar, Montana, missionaries on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation. The Garrisons, who were appointed by the Home Mission Board, served as Bible instructors and counselors at the All-Indian Youth Camp, sponsored by the Northern Plains Baptist Convention of which Dr. John Baker is executive secretary-treasurer. This year the camp was held the third week in July at Byron Bible Camp of Huron, South Dakota. The Garrisons have slides of their work and are available for mission programs.

Evelyn Carpenter, who has served as church secretary for about 18 months and youth director for several months, at Temple, Hattiesburg, has resigned. On October 16 she will change her name to Mrs. Bill Williams.



Tom Wilder and Mike Brown, two of the three young men who have surrendered to preach at the Colonial Hills Church, Southaven, were presented checks to help with their college expenses by the chairman of deacons, Ed Angle, in behalf of the Vacation Bible School boys and girls and the Colonial Hills Church, Southaven. Wayne Webb, not pictured, will be given a check also. Wayne is pastor near Jackson, Tenn. and is enrolled at Union University. Tom Wilder has been serving for five months as pastor at Algoma Church, Algoma, and is entering Blue Mountain College this month. Mike Brown is music and youth director at Gray's Creek Church, Hernando, and plans to enter Northwest Junior College in Senatobia this month.



Joseph T. Betterton, Jr. (left) is receiving his license to preach from his pastor, Rev. Victor (Pete) Jackson of Pineview Baptist Church, Moss Point. Mr. Betterton is formerly from Arab, Ala., and is married to the former Donna Handschumacher from Bolivar, West Virginia. They have 3 children, Joseph T., III, Sarah Jane and Mark Andrew.

Dorothy Emmons, missionary to Tanzania, is at home on furlough and her address is P. O. Box 22, Bogalusa, La. 70427. After an illness of two years.

Rev. Edward Scarborough is now available for supply preaching and his address is 3736 University Avenue, Laurel, Miss. 39440.

Agurn Smith is chairman of the Pulpit Committee to secure a pastor for the First Baptist Church of Picayune, to succeed Rev. Carless Evans, who moved to Gainesville, Florida.

William Carey College professor of music history, Dr. James Downey, (pictured) has been selected to appear in the 1971 edition of Outstanding Educators of America and also in the 1971 edition of Outstanding Personalities of South.

He is a native of Mobile, Ala. Dr. Downey, who is an alumnus of William Carey College, earned the master of music degree from the University of Southern Mississippi. He completed the doctor of philosophy degree in music history from Tulane University, with emphasis in the area of American musical studies. He has recently been involved in a post graduate study of white and Negro church music of the rural south, made possible by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Dr. Lynn E. May, Jr., executive secretary, Baptist Historical Commission, Nashville, Tenn., will be the Founders Day speaker at the New Orleans Seminary on Tuesday, October 5, 1971. May, who was research director of the Historical Commission for 15 years, was elected to its top post in April of this year.

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OKLAHOMA CITY (EP) — An honorary doctor of music degree, only the second such honor ever accorded by Oklahoma Baptist University, has been awarded to Gene Bartlett.

For seventeen years secretary of the church music department of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, Bartlett is the author of more than 100 gospel songs and hymn arrangements.



## Mississippi Pastor Goes To Mission Field In Wyoming

Jimmie T. Smith, pastor of Gillsburg Baptist Church, Osyka, Miss., (pictured with family above) has resigned to accept the pastorate of a pioneer mission work in Lander, Wyoming.

Lander is a city of 7,000 in the western part of Wyoming, and is adjacent to one of the large Indian reservations of the state. The mission there has only fourteen members, but state and local leaders feel that there is a splendid opportunity for growth while at the same time offering a ministry not only to the community, but also to the Indians nearby.

Churches and friends in Mississippi have provided promise of support so that Bro. Smith and his family can serve in this important field.

Mr. Smith is a native of Lincoln County, and was ordained by the Macedonia Church in that association. He holds a B.A. from Mississippi College and a B.D. from New Orleans Seminary.

His wife was the former Mary Elizabeth Jackson. The Smiths have two teenage sons, David Jonathan and Henry Thomas.

Besides the Gillsburg Church, Smith also has served Old Byron in Hinds County; McCall's Creek, Franklin County and Oak's Creek, Lincoln County.

Peggy Townsend, Mississippian who served as a Student Summer Missionary in Wyoming, writes concerning Lander, where the Smiths are going:

"Lander, Wyoming, has a population between six thousand and eight thousand. It is a beautiful town nestled

among mountains and mountain streams.

The chapel there has been a Southern Baptist Mission for three years. The people of Lander Baptist Chapel are now meeting in the Seventh Adventist Church. They presently own a piece of land in a new housing development section. The members have faith that the Lord will use them in His work there in Lander, and someday will have a building of their own. My partner Nancy Snowden and I worked a week in Lander in their Mission Bible School. There were approximately thirty children attending this school with several different religious backgrounds. There were no known decisions made, but the children were eager to learn more about the Bible and about Jesus' love for them.

This summer was exciting and spiritually rewarding as I served my Lord in this pioneer area. The Lord burdened my heart while I worked in this mission. He opened my eyes to what a real struggle for the Lord can be. I received so many blessings from working with these people as they lived their testimonies for the Lord."

## REVIVAL RESULTS

New Hope Church (Marion) Foxworth: Sept. 12-19; Rev. James Fancher, Jackson, evangelist; Gary Hodges, Central Church, Hattiesburg, music director; 13 professions of faith, 3 by letter, 85 rededications; Rev. C. Lonnie Earnest, pastor.

## Devotional

### The Hills Of Christ

By J. S. Riser, Jackson

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help..." (Psalm 121:1-2).

Subject — The Hill Of Transfiguration — or of Heavenly Glimpse  
Text — Matthew 17:2 and Mark 9:2 — "And He was transfigured before them..."

Peter, James and John were the chosen of Christ to witness this Heavenly scene as a glimpse of heaven came down and touched the mountain while Jesus was praying. All three of the writers tell of the brightness of the scene and the transfigured appearance of our blessed Saviour and Lord. Two guests from heaven, Moses and Elijah, appeared and talked with Jesus about "His decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem." Peter suggested that they build three tabernacles, one for Christ, one for Moses, and one for Elijah. In this connection, Matthew was led to write, "While He was yet speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and, behold, a voice out of the cloud saying, 'This is my Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him' (Matthew 17:5). As this glorious scene closed, 'They saw no one save Jesus only' (Matthew 17:8).

When Jesus was baptized by John, the Baptist, in Jordan, as you remember, the voice of God, the Father, gave the same testimony of "His only Begotten Son," adding on this mountain, "Hear ye Him." I feel sure that God, the Father was saying, "you have heard the law as represented by Moses, and you have heard the prophets as represented by Elijah. Now hear my beloved Son who is the source of all grace." These three Apostles had been privileged to witness this heavenly glimpse, and now their Lord, and ours, has service for them to render in the valley in His Name and for His glory.

When we get to heaven, it will be wonderfully glorious to, with all the redeemed, sing perfectly in all eternity the praise "... Of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me" (Galatians 2:20).

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye Heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."

## Pike Association Awards Four \$100 Scholarships To Students

For the second year, the Pike Baptist Association has awarded our \$100.00 Scholarships to Baptist students who are attending Mississippi Baptist colleges and have given their lives to full time Christian service.

The Scholarship Committee was composed of Mrs. John Cain, Chairman; Ralph Reeves, Rev. E. M. Fleming, Rev. William Crosby, Mrs. Sheblon Cotton and Dr. Jim Brock.

The four Scholarships have been awarded to:  
Miss Sherry Edith Lang, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hollis T. Lang, Magnolia, Miss. She is a 1968 graduate of South Pike High School and a 1970 graduate of Southwest Mississippi Junior College. A member of Union Baptist Church, Miss Lang will be a senior at Mississippi College and plans to be a Christian youth and recreation worker.

Miss Mary Dericia (Dee) Lansing, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Lansing, Magnolia, Miss., will also receive a Scholarship. She is a 1968 graduate of South Pike High School and a 1970 graduate of Southwest Mississippi Junior College. Miss Lansing is a member of the First Baptist Church of Magnolia and will be a senior at Mississippi College. Miss Lansing is majoring in the field of Christian music. She hopes to go into church music and religious education work.

Another Scholarship award has been presented to Mr. Steve Conerly of Osyka, Miss. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Conerly. He is a 1969 graduate of South Pike High School and a 1971 graduate of Southwest Mississippi Junior College. Mr. Conerly is a former member of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church and is presently the pastor of Bethel Baptist Church in

## At Health Expo I

### October 2 To Be "Hospital Volunteering Day"

Saturday, October 2, will be "Hospital Volunteering Day" in Mississippi, and the State Coliseum in Jackson is where the action will be.

The coliseum, on October 1-3, will be the site of "Health Expo I" — a giant statewide dramatization of the role played by the many agencies and professions in the health field.

And while a wide variety of events are planned for the three-day period, the spotlight on October 1 and 2 will be on young people. On Friday, school-sponsored groups of eleventh and twelfth graders will be involved in health-educational exhibits and youth-oriented forums.

On Saturday, from hospitals throughout the state will come teams of volunteer ways back in their respective home towns.

The great majority of them will be "Candy Strippers," so named because of the distinctive red and white striped uniforms they wear while doing volunteer hospital work.

But since some are not "Candy Strippers," the more-inclusive term "Volunteers" is now being used to designate youngsters who deliver mail and food and books to patients and run a long list of other errands.

Sponsors of the large-scale "Health Expo" promise that the energetic youngsters will be just as busy in the State Coliseum as they are in their respective hometown hospitals.

For one thing, they have been asked to serve as ushers that evening, assuring orderly flow of the large attendance expected there to hear a top expert in the health field.

For another, they will hand out pencil and paper to members of the audience so that those present may write out questions they would like to have answered by the guest speaker.

Sponsors said another highlight of the "Hospital Volunteering Day" activities October 2 will be a meeting of

Lincoln County. He will be a junior at Mississippi College and plans to enter seminary upon graduation to continue his studies for the gospel ministry.

Also, receiving a Scholarship from Pike Baptists is Miss Edwina King, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Eddie King. She is a 1971 graduate of North Pike High School and plans to enter Clarke Memorial College this fall and major in Christian music. Miss King is a member of the Johnston's Station Baptist Church.

all the young workers in one of the coliseum meeting rooms.

The topic of the meeting will be health-related careers, with special emphasis on hospital work, and the speaker will be Miss Kathy Bearden, career consultant, Mississippi Baptist Hospital, Jackson.

"We hope that many youngsters not now engaged in volunteer hospital work will be on hand at 10 a. m., October 2," said Mrs. Irene Snipes, state leader for the auxiliary program of the Mississippi Hospital Association, "to hear Miss Bearden describe the many fascinating hospital careers."

A sponsor of "Health Expo I" pointed out that recruitment into health careers is one of the three major purposes of the big event — the first of its kind ever held in Mississippi.

The other two purposes are education in health maintenance and disease prevention and the actual provision of health services, including screening for health problems and referral for whatever problems are detected.

## Sunshine (Rankin) Calls Pastor

Rev. Thomas N. Channell has accepted pastorate at Sunshine Baptist Church, Highway 80, East Jackson.

He preached his first sermon September 18.

Mr. Channell and his family come from the Russell Park Baptist Church in Ft. Myers, Fla., where he has served for the past 6 1/2 years. There were 431 additions to the church during this time.

He is a graduate of Mississippi College and received a B.D. Degree from the New Orleans Seminary. Both he and his wife, Mabel, are native Mississippians. They have 5 children. Lydia graduated from Mississippi College last June. Sarah is a sophomore at Mississippi College. Rachel, Tim and John are living at home.



From left in the front row are Betty Gardner, St. Dominic's Hospital, and Katie Barwick and Marie Upton, Mississippi Baptist Hospital. In back row, from left: Maurice Duvic and Bruce Brinkman, both from the University Medical Center.

## McComb Pastor Goes To Mobile Church

Rev. S. A. Adkins (pictured) has resigned as pastor of Central Baptist Church, McComb, to accept the 1,100 member Spring Hill Avenue Baptist Church of Mobile, Alabama.

During his two year and seven month pastorate the Central Baptist Church has made considerable growth.

Plans for a new auditorium have been adopted, a large parking area was paved, one of the staff houses was completely renovated, a full-time minister of music and youth was called, the adopted yearly budget was increased from \$41,000 to \$61,000 and there has been a total of over 125 additions to the church.

Mr. Adkins has been active in the ministry beyond Central Church serving one year as Clerk of Pike County Baptist Association, Secretary of Pike Baptist Pastor's Conference, President of Southwest Mississippi Pastor's Conference, and Chairman of the Volunteer Chaplain Program at Southwest General Hospital.

He was elected president of the McComb Civitan Club for 1971-1972 and was selected as Outstanding Youth Director in Mississippi District Civitan

## Social Service Group To Meet At N. O. Seminary

NEW ORLEANS — "Creative Components of Care" will be the theme for the Southern Baptist Social Service Association meeting in New Orleans at the Sheraton-Charles Hotel October 3-5, according to Dr. Margaret Leverett, professor of social work at New Orleans Baptist Seminary and president of the association.

Dr. William Pinson, Jr., associate professor of Christian Ethics at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, will be the major speaker, addressing the group three times on three of the components of care: listening, forgiving, and giving.

The opening session Sunday evening will feature a theme interpretation, "The Sound Sensation," directed by Billy Souther, minister of music and youth at First Baptist Church, Brookhaven, Mississippi.

in 1970-1971.

Mr. Adkins is a native of Prentiss, and is married to the former Irby Jean Bourn of Oakvale, Mississippi. The Adkins have two boys. He will assume his new duties at the Mobile church on October 3.